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United States Patent Number 5,120,321, Safety Disposable
Needle, issued to Oksman, et al. on June 9, 1992

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Respectfully submitted,

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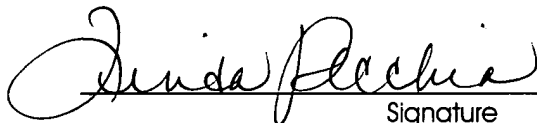
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